

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 01939 011441Z  
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 USSS-00 NSCE-00 /026 W  
-----011448 092064 /43

O 291409Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 181

S E C R E T BOGOTA 1939

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, CASC, CO  
SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF PC VOLUNTEER

FOR AMBASSADOR HECK FROM THE AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 043232

1. THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REFTEL WAS RAISED AND DISCUSSED  
IN BOGOTA 1605 PARA 6. TO ELABORATE FURTHER, HOWEVER, I  
WOULD ESTIMATE THAT JUDICIAL AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
FACTORS WOULD PROBABLY RESTRAIN PRESIDENT LOPEZ FROM PUTTING  
SEVERE PRESSURE ON THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SUCH  
AS BY DIRECTLY THREATENING ITS LEGALITY. HOWEVER, I THINK THERE IS A  
CHANCE THAT HE COULD BE MOVED TO DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH TOP  
PARTY LEADERS AND THAT THIS MANIFESTATION OF HIS INTEREST  
COULD PROMPT THE PARTY TO CAUTION THE FARC AGAINST KILLING  
STARR. TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO DO THIS WOULD PROBABLY  
REQUIRE A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER LIEVANO. A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO LOPEZ  
WOULD BE EVEN BETTER, AND EITHER METHOD WOULD HAVE DESIRABLE  
BONUS EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATING TO HIGH-LEVEL GOC LEADERSHIP  
THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THIS CASE IS VIEWED BY USG.

2. AS FOR SCENARIO IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL, I AM AFRAID THAT A  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 01939 011441Z

HUMANITARIAN APPEAL TO THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY  
BY SORZANO STANDS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE  
OF SUCCESS. AS I INDICATED EARLIER, I WOULD HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS  
ABOUT EXPOSING SORZANO IN THAT WAY BUT WE WOULD OF COURSE SET UP  
SUCH A MEETING IF TASK FORCE SEES NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.  
SANCHEZ

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** KIDNAPPING  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 29-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977BOGOTA01939  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770070-0321  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BOGOTA  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t197703103/aaaadmlk.tel  
**Line Count:** 61  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** fc5288ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 43232  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2944596  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KIDNAPPING OF PC VOLUNTEER FOR AMBASSADOR HECK FROM THE AMBASSADOR  
**TAGS:** PINS, ASEC, CASC, CO, US, PC, (STARR, RICHARD)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/fc5288ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009